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Searches, the destroyed Oswald letter to the FBI

The records provided on this are entirely inadequate and grossly incomplete. This record is a teletyped to all SACS labeled as urgent 8/31/75 from the Director with a notation partly eliminated in xeroxing in Dallas.

The incompleteness is easily established from what is within the public domain, not only in statements by the FBI in newspaper stories but in Congressional hearings. The FBI obtained an affidavit from everyone employed in the Dallas office at the time of the assassination. These have not been provided. There was testimony before the Edwards subcommittee ; there is no reference to it in these files.

This record, which ~~eliminates~~ does not refer to many earlier records (NOT PROVIDED) refers to "inquiries from the Dallas Times-Herald." It is a direct quotation of the statement released by the FBI.

However, the Dallas newspaper had been in touch with the FBI about this destroyed Oswald note much earlier. It took them a long time to prepare a story and to publish it. This, however, is the first relevant record provided.

The handwritten note indicates that there was also a telephone call because it includes other directions, apparently specially aimed at the Dallas Field Office.

While there is dispute about the content of the note, there is no dispute that Oswald hand delivered a note intended for Special Agent James P. Hosty to the Dallas Field Office prior to the assassination.

It is entirely impossible that until the time the Dallas Times Herald learned about this the FBI did not have a single relevant record; but from the records provided to me, this is supposedly the case, that after Oswald was charged with killing the President, nobody in all the FBI office remembered anything about his delivering a note or its destrucation by SA Hosty, and the FBI Headquarters was never informed about it. This simply cannot be believed.

Because after disciplining Hosty, who was transferred to the Kansas City office, there should be relevant Kansas City files, too.